

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: NEW JTA SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

This information bulletin establishes the ending date for use of Symantec ProComm Plus 4.8 software or similar products for your emulation software to access the Job Training Automation (JTA) system. Any terminal emulation software that does not utilize the Secure Shell 2 (SSH2) connection protocol is no longer acceptable because it does not meet new information security guidelines. The last day that JTA will be accessible using any software without SSH2 is Tuesday, November 1, 2005. For assistance regarding this transition please contact the JTA Help Desk at (916) 653-0202.

The following products meet the new information security requirements and will be supported by the JTA Help Desk:

- Vandyke Secure CRT and Secure FX
(www.vandyke.com/products/securecrt/index.html)
- Attachmate EXTRA! Extreme 8.0
(www.attachmate.com/en-US/Products/EXTRA+Mainframe+Server+Edition/EXTRA+X-treme/)

These products have secure File Transfer Protocol capability and are priced at around \$159.00 and \$299.00, respectively. These products are not compatible with the Windows 95 operating system.

The Workforce Investment Division (WID) does not require the use of the above products, but has tested and can provide technical support for these products for the purpose of JTA access. Your organization may utilize any emulation software with function keys that support VT220 emulation and SSH2. However, products other than those listed above, must be configured and supported at the local level.

The WID would like to work with you to assure that this transition takes place without interruption in your JTA access or reporting. Please direct questions or issues regarding this transition to the JTA Help Desk.

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